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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Applicants have revised the claim amendments in compliance with the voluntary revised amendment practice. Below is a listing of all claims in the above-identified application, along with an indication of their status.

Claims 1-56 (canceled)

E( Claim <sup>1</sup>/~~57~~ (previously presented): A method for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal, which comprises:

topically applying to said animal a therapeutically effective dose of a gelled composition for treating said dermatologic condition comprising a polymer matrix which is suspended in a liquid medium;

wherein the polymer matrix contains sodium hyaluronate in combination with a nonionic polymer.

Claim <sup>2</sup>/~~58~~ (previously presented): The method of claim <sup>1</sup>/~~57~~, wherein said condition is a pressure sore.

Claim <sup>3</sup>/~~59~~ (previously presented): The method of claim <sup>1</sup>/~~57~~, wherein said condition is dermatitis.

Claim ~~60~~<sup>4</sup> (previously presented): The method of claim ~~57~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said condition is atopic dermatitis.

Claim ~~61~~<sup>5</sup> (previously presented): A method for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal, which comprises:

topically applying to said animal a gelled composition comprising a therapeutically effective dose of a drug for treating the dermatologic condition uniformly distributed in a polymer matrix which is suspended in a liquid medium;

wherein the polymer matrix contains sodium hyaluronate in combination with a nonionic polymer.

Claim ~~62~~<sup>6</sup> (currently amended): The method of claim ~~61~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the drug for treating said dermatologic condition is selected from the group consisting of an amebicide, a broad spectrum antibiotic, a medium spectrum antibiotic, a fungal medication, a monobactam, an anti-viral agent, erythromycin, penicillin, cephalosporin, a ~~derivative thereof~~ and a combination thereof.

Claim ~~63~~<sup>7</sup> (previously presented): The method of claim ~~61~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein said dermatologic condition is a pressure sore.

Claim ~~64~~<sup>8</sup> (previously presented): The method of claim ~~61~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein said dermatologic condition is dermatitis.

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Claim <sup>9</sup>~~65~~ (previously presented): The method of claim <sup>5</sup>~~61~~, wherein said dermatologic condition is atopic dermatitis.

Claim <sup>10</sup>~~66~~ (previously presented): A method for treating a dermatologic condition in an animal, which comprises:

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*Cont* topically applying to said animal a gelled composition comprising a therapeutically effective dose of a vitamin compound distributed in a polymer matrix which is suspended in a liquid medium;

wherein the polymer matrix contains sodium hyaluronate in combination with a nonionic polymer.

Claim <sup>11</sup>~~67~~ (currently amended): The method of claim <sup>10</sup>~~66~~, wherein said vitamin compound is selected from the group consisting of a B complex vitamin, vitamin C, folic acid, ~~a derivative thereof~~ and a combination thereof.

Claim <sup>12</sup>~~68~~ (currently amended): The method of claim <sup>11</sup>~~67~~, wherein said B complex vitamin is pantothenic acid ~~or a derivative thereof~~.

Claim <sup>13</sup>~~69~~ (currently amended): The method of claim <sup>11</sup>~~67~~, wherein said ~~derivative~~ B complex vitamin is sodium pantothenate.

Claim <sup>14</sup>~~70~~ (previously presented): The method of claim <sup>10</sup>~~66~~, wherein the condition is a pressure sore.

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*E* Claim <sup>15</sup>~~71~~ (previously presented): The method of claim <sup>10</sup>~~66~~,  
wherein the condition is dermatitis.

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